

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard Henry Weese, et al.

Serial No. 09/520,249

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Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Michl. Paul R.

Title: AQUEOUS ADDITIVE SYSTEMS FOR POLYMERIC MATRICES

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

THE CENTER This is an Amendment to the above identified application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or refund any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 18-1850, maintained by Rohm and Haas Company.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the outstanding Office Action (i.e., Paper No. 7), please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. An additive system for direct addition to poly(vinyl chloride) - containing matrix resins consisting essentially of:

95 to 30 weight percent of an liquid component, wherein said liquid component comprises water; and

5 to 70 weight percent of a solid component, wherein said solid component comprises an impact/modifier for a poly(vinyl chloride) · containing matrix resin, and wherein said impact modifier is a multi-stage copolymer which comprises: